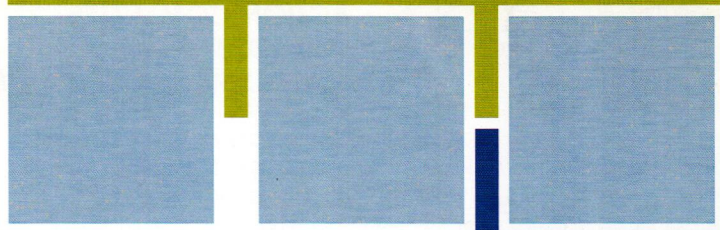


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AIA 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference

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**AIA 2011 WMR CONFERENCE  
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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

The 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference in Las Vegas investigates our regional connections while providing opportunities for

you to explore some of the most interesting architectural sites in Las Vegas. Registrants can earn up to **15 AIA C.E. LU's / HSW credits** by attending their choice of the regular conference sessions. AND, the sessions include trips to the Gehry-designed Lou Ruvo Cleveland Clinic with **Brian Zamora**, Senior Associate with **GEHRY PARTNERS, LLC** – the Las Vegas Springs Preserve with **Pat Mulroy**, General Manager of the **SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY**, who discusses our "water" connection in the region, the Red Rock Canyon Visitors Center with **LES WALLACH, FAIA** who will present "Site Responsive Architecture" in this beautiful location. Plus, keynote speakers, **JEFF POTTER, FAIA** – AIA 2012 President of the Institute, **LAWRENCE SCARPA, FAIA**, **DR. ROBERT LANG** from the **BROOKINGS INSTITUTE** and **DAVID ZACH**, Futurist and much, much more.

You can also earn up to 5 additional AIA C.E. LU's by attending one of the three program/tours scheduled for Saturday, October 8th. These include -- "Creating CityCenter" by **WILLIAM SMITH, AIA**, Project Director for **MGM HOSPITALITY**; Symphony Park and the Smith Center presented by **SCOTT CARTER**, Redevelopment Officer for the **CITY OF LAS VEGAS**, and **MYRON MARTIN**, CEO of the **SMITH CENTER**, and the Hoover Dam and the new Mike O'Callahan – Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge. Please keep in mind that some sessions and tours have limited capacity so reserve your spot early and don't miss out on attending.

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Register today online at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org)

### **MAKE THE CONNECTION**

Enhance your WMR Conference experience by connecting with your regional friends and associates. Don't miss the "Insert Coin" Reception, hosted by the AIA LV EPYAF and Fellows – at the classic "Insert Coins" video lounge and game bar on October 6th. Unwind and get loose at the "Loose Connections" Host Chapter Party on October 7th, featuring "gourmet trucks", music, games, prizes and fun. Make your connections on the golf course by playing in the WMR Golf Tournament on Saturday morning, October 8th.

### **AIA NEVADA AND WMR DESIGN & HONOR AWARDS GALA**

Celebrate Excellence in Design and Distinguished Service by attending the Awards Gala in the beautiful Pinyon Ballroom at the ARIA Resort Hotel at City Center. Beginning at 5:00PM on Saturday, October 8th. Get your tickets and reserve your table today. at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org)



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**AIA NEVADA POLITICAL  
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AIA NV SGN COORDINATOR

How much would you give to have a legislative voice? A Dime A Day? \$36.50 per year? That's not too much, is it? It's much less than you spend on your daily coffee, snacks or social networking. And, it can do so much more for your future and your profession.

**A Dime a Day from each AIA member will buy ATTENTION.** And, that's a priceless commodity in today's political world. The AIA Nevada PAC will use this funding to support efforts on a local and state level to monitor and advocate for legislation and bills that make a difference to our businesses, employees and our clients.



A Dime a Day.... And, your contribution and participation will facilitate a better future for our state and the practice of architecture. If the profession of architecture is to have a voice, claim a place in the legislative process, and take an active role in determining the laws and regulations that govern the profession, then AIA Members..... Architects and Design Professionals..... must step up and help to fund the advocacy program to make it happen. It is vital that we ensure that future architects are well-informed, unified and positioned to influence Nevada's political landscape.

Do you ever wonder why other organizations are so politically successful? Two words. Unity and Funding.

AIA Nevada cannot act effectively on behalf of members without the basic funding and without your support. We need every member to make the pledge of A Dime A Day. In these uncertain financial times our unity as a profession can be a decisive force in the decision making of our elected officials. There will be landmark changes to the governance and structure of this state in the coming months; and there will be even more work to be done when the 76th Legislative Session is concluded. The state of Nevada and our individual communities needs the problem-solving ability of architects. That means YOU.

Join the AIA NV PAC now. Pledge A Dime A Day. \$36.50 per year. You are investing in your future and in the health of the profession. Contact AIA Nevada to contribute today! 702.895.0936

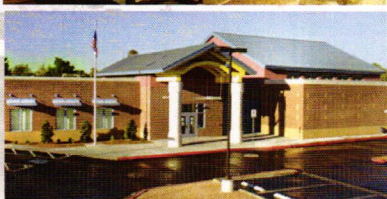
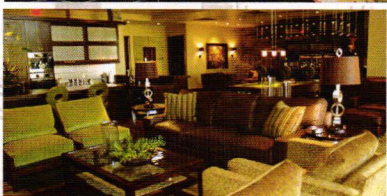
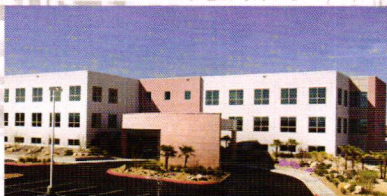
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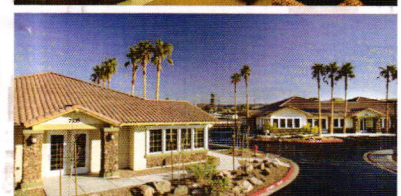
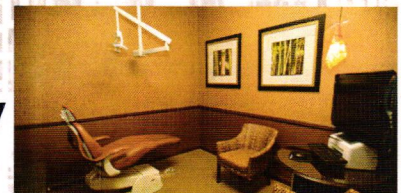
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## AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEAN COULTER, AIA

I recently spent an entire day in the desert about 100 miles north of Las Vegas. It was at a friends "home away from home" that is about as remote as one can get. It made me very aware of the natural environment and the role the built environment plays in creating a sense of place. I began to wonder what it means to have a "sense of place"; to possess qualities in the natural and built environment that acknowledge, respond to and enhance the human condition. I asked myself, what it means to create this sense of place in the desert? This then led me to consider what I had learned about how we experience

the world around us and how that influences our attitude towards life and each other. It reminded me of phenomenology.

Phenomenology, a branch of philosophy started in the early 20th Century by Edmund Husserl, was developed to the study structures of consciousness as experienced from the first-person point of view. The central structure of an experience is its intentionality, its being directed toward something, as it is an experience of or about some object. Relevant to architects, architecture and the built environment can be that "object." These studies further expanded into exploring 'spirit of place', or genius loci, as the ancient Greeks called it when describing the metaphysical aspects of place and how it would invoke our senses. Martin Heidegger, an early 20th century phenomenologist, spoke of this sense of place in the philosophical and metaphysical senses. He stated that for any one place to have a genius loci, or spirit of place, it must connect four elements. These are: earth, sky, mortal and divinity. He classified these as the Quadrature. Simply put, if the four aforementioned elements were all present and connected in any one place, a spirit of place would exist. I interpret these as being: earth – the physical location and attributes of a place, our rootedness to the ground; sky – the physical space above our heads and our higher aspirations; mortal – the individual that experiences phenomena of a place; divinity – the metaphysical aspirations of the individual.

According to Heidegger these connections, the quadrature, becomes extremely important as to how we perceive, understand and experience our life-world (what is self-evident, experienced or given). To me, the interesting thing about Heidegger's quadrature, is that it takes into account, not only the individual, it takes into account the physical and the metaphysical environments and ties all four together to create a whole that is bigger the sum of its parts. If this is the case and the environment is as important as the individual or our metaphysical aspirations; then it makes me wonder, in a philosophical sense, about how architecture must respond to the context and climate. Our environment in Nevada has a huge impact on how we perceive our world and how we respond to it day to day, ie, how we live our lives. Therefore, the environment must be an integral part to any design that is created.

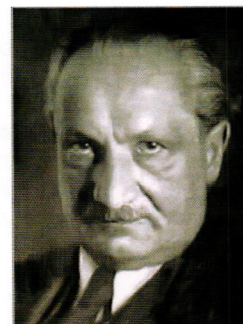
With this in mind, I began asking myself other questions. What do we do as architects to respond to the environment and the other elements of the quadrature? Can we do better as creators of our built-environment? More importantly, what are we doing right now that is making the human condition a little bit better and how can we perpetuate the positives?

I hope that if you have made it this far in the newsletter that you consider how we, as architects, can create better experiences through the built environment. We have a powerful influence on the human condition (whether it is conscious or subconscious), we should use this influence in the most positive ways.

If you have any thoughts on this matter, I would like to hear from you to discuss these issues. I don't claim to have all the answers and I'm not sure I'm correct about the ones I do have, I only hope that discussion will bring about positive change in design.



EDMUND HUSSERL



MARTIN HEIDEGGER

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The 2011 AIA Nevada Service Awards Program is a part of the 2011 WMR Conference being hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter, October 5-8, 2011.

AIA Nevada honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through this annual awards program. It is designed to recognize the significant contributions made to the profession of architecture and to the larger community through the various levels of AIA membership.

### AIA Nevada Service Awards Timeline

June 1, 2011 – Call for Nominations  
July 18, 2011 – Nevada Intent to Participate Forms Due (AIA NV)  
August 18, 2011 – Letters of Support Due  
August 22, 2011 – Submittals Due  
August 25, 2011 – Nevada Service Jury Meets/Results  
August 29, 2011 – Nevada Service Recipients Notified  
October 8, 2011 – Nevada Design & Service Awards Banquet

### Nominations:

Any AIA member, group of members or committee in good standing may nominate candidates for these awards. Nominees must be members of AIA in good standing who have contributed to the overall success of the chapter and the community.

There is no entry fee for AIA Nevada Service Awards. Nominations AND Intent to Participate Forms from Nominees must be received prior to 5PM on Monday, July 18th, 2011. **To receive a pdf of the Submittal Instructions and Intent To Participate Form, please contact Debi Raffi at [draffi@aianeveda.org](mailto:draffi@aianeveda.org).** Nominations must be made in writing (letter or email) and directed to AIA Nevada Honors & Awards Committee, 401 S. Fourth Street, Suite 175, Las Vegas, NV 89101 or to [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org).

Nomination letters or emails MUST include all of the following:

- Category for which nomination is being made
  - Complete/accurate contact information for the nominee including name, address, phone, fax and email
  - Complete/accurate contact information for nominator including name, address, phone, fax and email
  - Complete/accurate statement of the reason this person is being nominated for this award, including description of contribution to chapter, profession and community.
- Nominations that are not in writing or do not include all requested information will be considered incomplete and will not be valid.

### Categories:

The AIA Nevada Silver Medal  
The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award  
The AIA Nevada Service Award  
The AIA Nevada Young Architect Award  
The AIA Nevada Associate Member Award  
The AIA Nevada Allied Member Award  
The Sustainable Practice Award

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Whether you choose to deliver your submittal in person, by mail, by courier, please allow enough time for the submittal to be received PRIOR TO 5PM ON Monday, August 22, 2011.

## CALL FOR ENTRIES AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS

The 2011 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards will be included as a part of the Western Mountain Region Conference which is being hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter, October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards recognizes projects of exceptional architectural distinction. Excellence in Design embraces the ecological, economic and social circumstances of a project, as well as the integration of the highest environmental and sustainable design standards with quality design execution.

### Awards Timeline:

May 1 – August 8, 2011 – Call for Entries  
August 8, 2011 – Deadline for Entry Forms & Fees  
August 22, 2011 – Submittals Due prior to 5PM  
August 25, 2011 – Late Submittals Due prior to 5PM (\$100 additional fee)  
September 1, 2011 – Results of Jury  
October 8, 2011 – AIA Nevada Design & Honor Awards Presentation Gala

**Entry Fee:** \$200 per entry

**Late Entry Fee:** You may purchase a late entry fee for an additional \$100 Fee.

Entry fees are non-refundable. No exceptions. Make checks/ payments payable to AIA Nevada.

The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards program recognizes achievements for a broad range of architectural activity in order to elevate the general quality of architecture practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture practice. To achieve these goals, the 2011 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards has four categories:

- Architecture (Built /completed projects)
- Interior Architecture
- Regional and Urban Design
- TRIPTYCH Collaborative Achievement

Please review each category for the individual program eligibility, submission requirements, judging criteria and deadlines.

### 2011 AIA Nevada Design Awards Presentation

Award recipients will be announced at the WMR and AIA Nevada Design Awards Gala to be held, as a part of the 2011 WMR Conference. The Awards Gala will be held at the ARIA Hotel at City Center, Las Vegas, Nevada on 6:00PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Registration for the Conference, and tickets for the Awards Gala can be purchased online at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org). Tickets for the Gala dinner and awards presentation are \$125 each (or a table of 8 for \$1000) until September 1st and \$150 each (or a table of 8 for \$1,250) after September 1st.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Whether you choose to deliver your submittal in person, by mail, by courier or by overnight delivery service, please allow enough time for the submittal to be received PRIOR TO 5PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd OR if you purchase a LATE ENTRY DATE PRIOR TO 5PM ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th.



## 21ST ANNUAL DENNIS ASKEW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration is continuing for the 2011 AIA Northern Nevada Golf Tournament, presented by Basalite Concrete Products. Early bird registration will close on July 15. Prior to that date reduced entry fees and tee sign sponsorships are available. In addition, AIANN members save on entry fees and tee signs.

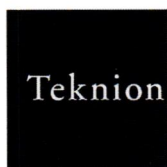
Montreux Golf and Country Club, the tournament course, is busy preparing for the PGA tour stop in Reno, the Reno-Tahoe Open to be held August 4-7. With the AIANN tournament scheduled only two weeks after the PGA visit we know the course will be in exceptional shape. This is a rare opportunity to play a premier course in the Reno-Tahoe area. The Jack Nicklaus-designed layout will provide a fun and challenging day of golf.

AIA Northern Nevada is also pleased to note two additional sponsorships for the 21st Annual Dennis Askew Memorial Golf Tournament.



**CUMMING CORPORATION** will once again be a sponsor of the tournament, agreeing to be a hole sponsor. Cumming is an international project and cost consultancy. Since opening

for business nearly two decades ago, Cumming has grown consistently and substantially. Today, the company has nearly 250 team members and has completed projects in more than 25 countries around the world. The company has offices in both Reno and Las Vegas. Thanks to **BILL RODGERS, CCC, LEED AP** for his ongoing support of the chapter.



**TEKNION** will be a Hole Sponsor for the tournament. Teknion is a leading international designer, manufacturer and marketer of mid- to high-end office systems and related furniture products. Their integrated product portfolio encompasses several lines of systems furniture, mobile furniture, architectural wall systems, seating,

storage and filing, freestanding casegoods and accessories. In addition to this year's golf sponsorship, Teknion was a major sponsor of last year's Triptych Design Conference. Our thanks to **STACIE HARRISON** of Teknion and **DAN KAHL** of **KAHL COMMERCIAL INTERIORS** for their continued support of AIANN.

We look forward to a great day of golf and friendship on August 22, 2011 at Montreux Golf and Country Club. Entry information is available at [www.aiann.org](http://www.aiann.org).



### LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

AIA Northern Nevada has created a facebook page which will help us communicate with our members and the community. Please take a moment to visit us by searching for American

Institute of Architects Northern Nevada on Facebook and click "like" to keep up to date on all that is happening at AIANN.

## THE DESIGN ALLIANCE DESIGN MATTERS CONFERENCE 2011

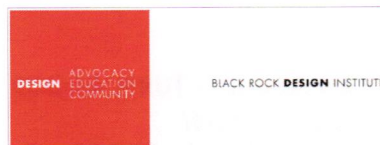
Two years ago, AIA Northern Nevada, along with the Black Rock Design Institute, helped form the Design Alliance, a loosely fitted consortium made up of most of the design professions in the Truckee Meadows. The group is made up of architects, planners, graphic designers, interior designers, landscape architects, photographers, artists --- just to name a few.

Its main goal is to promote and advocate for design in all its forms on a regional platform and to become a larger voice in supporting community-wide design projects that enhance our quality of life in Northern Nevada.

To bring everyone closer to our mission, the Design Alliance has announced its first "Design Matters 2011" conference, to be held on October 20th, 2011, at the Nevada Museum of Art. The conference will include a keynote speaker, focusing on interdisciplinary design, a slide slam, and opening and closing receptions that will focus on bringing our design community closer to the common goal of design really does matter.

The backbone of the conference will be a juried design competition to create and produce a chair that meets a certain design criteria that will include functionality, sustainability, and creativity. Cash awards will be given to the first and second place winners, along with a Peoples' Choice award for the most popular piece. All the chairs will then be offered for sale in a silent auction to conclude the evening.

Save the date Notices will be sent soon with more details and information. The event will be free to the public.



## THE BLACK ROCK DESIGN INSTITUTE

The Black Rock Design Institute has announced the beginning of its summer and

fall programs for the year 2011/2012.

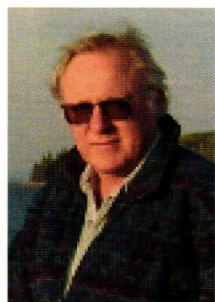
On July 21, 2011, **ANDREA COCHRAN**, Landscape Architect, will speak at the Nevada Museum of Art. The work of Andrea Cochran Landscape Architecture sculpts and navigates space through a seamless integration of landscape, art, and architecture. Their work draws boundaries with a controlled palette of materials creating permeable edges that blur the line between the natural and built environment. The lecture will begin at 6:00 sharp and, as usual, free beer and free camaraderie will prevail.

Also, the BRDI is staging an exhibition at the Community Room of KNPB Channel Five, the public television station of Northern Nevada. The working title is "From Napkins to Reality", which will feature the initial sketches from twenty architectural projects in Nevada, all framed in a uniform format, displayed as conceptual art, illustrating the creative process that sparks the initial architectural thought for a project. Accompanying each concept sketch will be a photograph of the actual building that is the product of this initial thought. A "call for entries" will be announced in the near future.



## ARCHITECTS SPEAK

AIA Las Vegas is tapping into the rich resource of our members talents and experiences – by presenting a series of programs in which “Architects Speak”. We offer these programs as “Brown Bag Lunches.” Bring your lunch (we’ll provide the beverage) and join us at 11:30AM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School. Open to the public, no charge for attending. All programs are registered for AIA CE LU credits. RSVP online at [aialasvegas.org](http://aialasvegas.org) to attend.



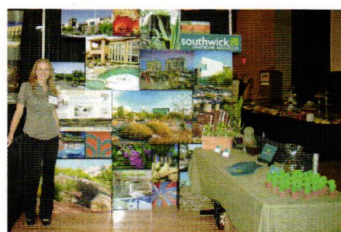
Thursday, July 21 - **DAVID SCHMIDT, AIA, LEED AP, BD+C**  
**AND JENNIFER TURCHIN, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP, BD+C**

“Review of LEED Credential Maintenance Requirements”  
 Registered for 1 CE LU/HSW/SD



Many members of AIA are also members of the USGBC, and many are currently struggling to understand the new requirements of LEED Credentialing. July's Architects Speak brown bag lunch will provide answers to many of your questions and clarify the process. This session will cover enrolling in the Credentialing Maintenance Program, Earning Continuing Education Credits, Reporting Credentialing Maintenance and Renewing Credentials. David Schmidt and Jennifer Turchin will explain why you should join the program and how to join in addition to where to seek those C.E. credits, and how to report

them. Bring your lunch and join us for this enlightening session on the USGBC Credentialing Requirements.



## LEARN ABOUT – TURN ABOUT PRODUCT SHOW

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!**

The Product Show will take place Wednesday, September 21st at the Historic Fifth Street School and is hosted by **MODERNFOLD OF NEVADA**.

First, the **PRODUCT SHOW** itself – Limited to the first 40 Exhibitors! All Spaces \$500 each - 8' x 6' space, pipe & drape, skirting, identification sign, table and two chairs. PLUS – Advance promotions, your announcements and giveaways, food & beverage stations and \$3,000 in CASH Prizes. AND, FOR **EXHIBITORS ONLY** – An **ADDITIONAL TURN ABOUT** – Exhibitors can also meet “FACE to FACE” with the Firm Principals and Key Decision Makers during a special session from 2:00 – 4:00PM. Introduce yourself and your company/product/service – schedule a follow up meeting, lunch or demonstration in their office... network with the decision makers in design and construction. What a Turn-About! \$200 for Exhibitors Only.

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## 2012 ELECTIONS & LEADERSHIP

At the May 24th meeting of the AIA Las Vegas Board, President-elect **JESS HOLMES, FAIA** announced that he would reluctantly have to resign as President-elect and President for 2012. Jess has accepted a position as a consultant to a firm in New Mexico, and relocated there in June. The board was saddened to receive this news and wish him the best in his new position.

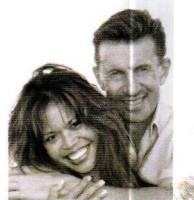
The board, acting in accordance with the bylaws, is required to appoint a current member of the board to fill the vacancy. Jess recommended that the board consider **JEFF ROBERTS, AIA** for the position since he shares Jess's passion and enthusiasm for sustainability and will carry forward the Chapters goals to educate members, law makers, and the public about the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and designing wisely for our desert environment. The board voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Roberts, AIA to complete Jess's term. Jeff Roberts, AIA has accepted and begun to work on behalf of the Chapter as President-elect and planning for 2012. The appointment of Jeff Roberts, AIA, left an open Director position on the Board, and in accordance with the bylaws, the board will appoint a member to complete Jeff's term for 2012 and through the end of 2013.

In accordance with our annual elections there are three officer positions and two director positions that were open for nominations. Nominations for officer position – President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary – require at least one year of service on the board in order to qualify. Nominations for these positions are as follows and they are unopposed.

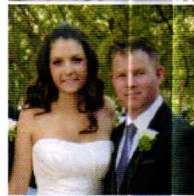
President-elect – **ERIC ROBERTS, AIA**, Treasurer – **MIKE ANDERSEN, AIA**, Secretary – **CHRIS FENTON, AIA**

For the 2012 election, there are two Director's positions that are open and five candidates have been nominated for these positions – they include **ROCHELLE WALLIS, AIA** (incumbent), **GLEN CURRY, AIA**, **JUSTIN LAM, AIA**, **MARK RYAN, AIA** and **TINA WICHMAN, AIA**. Candidate statements are included on the ballot that will be sent to architect and associate members on July 15th. Ballots must be submitted by Monday, August 15th at 5:00PM.

## MEMBER NEWS



We would like to congratulate **ED VANCE, AIA** of **EV&A ARCHITECTS** and his wife Ruby on their wedding which took place May 28th. We wish them the very best!



Also to **JEFF WAGNER, AIA** of **RAFI ARCHITECTURE** and his wife Alicia who were married on June 4th. We know they will have many happy years of wedded bliss.



A big congratulations to **CAROLINE HEEB HICKS** of **SOUTHWICK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS** and her husband Travis. She gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy, Dallen Howard Hicks, 6 lb 9 oz. 20.5 in. on June 7th. Way to go Mommy!



## AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROB FILARY, AIA

AIA Las Vegas recently sent out a survey, and the final results are in. Therefore, I want to quickly share a few observations and highlight some of the survey findings. The intent of the survey is to give our members an opportunity to share their thoughts in order for the organization's leadership to hear about the "good, the bad, and the ugly." There were several members who are very happy with AIA Las Vegas as it currently operates, and there were others who provided many wonderful suggestions on how we can be an even better

organization. The survey results will help us to define and improve the value of AIA Las Vegas as we move forward.

**Satisfaction with your membership in AIA:** 77% of the memberships are somewhat to highly satisfied. 12% were neutral. Only 1% was highly dissatisfied.

**Importance of AIA membership benefits:** Continuing Education, Using the "AIA" designation, and networking were all ranked as very important.

**Which AIA Las Vegas events are most valuable:** Continuing Education luncheons ranked at the top. This should serve as a hint to all our wonderful product vendors... sign up to host a CE luncheon since our members are asking for it. Monthly membership meetings also ranked very high followed by the Product Show. Only 4% of our members value The Golf Tournament.

**Preference for AIA membership meeting times:** Our current time slot of 5:30pm-8:00pm ranked the highest.

**Do you plan to attend the 2011 AIA Western Mountain Regional Conference hosted by AIA Las Vegas:** This one was split fairly evenly between "yes", "no" and "not sure".

After reading through all the survey comments as it relates to why the respondents have decided to become AIA members, there are several positive reoccurring themes that are worth mentioning. Our members value the networking opportunities, Continuing Education seminars, being part of a larger organization to have a collective voice, they believe in the service to the community, the avenue provided for keeping up with architectural innovations, the availability of AIA documents and resources, the intimate scale of the EPYAF events, and most of all they enjoy the overall camaraderie provided by our AIA events. My personal favorite response by one anonymous member was that he joined AIA because of "the free beer and wild women." I wonder if perhaps he thought he was taking an AGC survey instead?... just kidding in case any of my AGC friends are reading this!

On the other side, it appears that the AIA needs to look at the cost of its membership and somehow still be able to afford/provide all the benefits that are desired. Based on the survey results, there's a definite concern with the cost of joining AIA versus the value that is provided. Additionally, there were numerous requests for more building tours, more technical seminars, and access to community leaders. This of course leads me to my sales pitch for the Western Mountain Regional (WMR) Conference in October. According to the survey, half of our members are not planning to attend the conference. However, these are the same members who are asking for more tours, seminars and face time with community leaders. The planning committee for the WMR Conference has done a fantastic job with coming up with various types of speakers and topics that appeal to a broad base of interests—from creative design passion to disaster relief education. We've planned an exciting conference to cater to the diverse needs of our membership and professionals in allied fields. Many of our seminars will take place at venues other than the 5th Street School (i.e. building tours). **PAT MULROY** of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and **JACOB SNOW** of the RTC are scheduled to present (i.e. community leaders.) My point is, this is a special year for our members to take advantage of the additional benefits and opportunities that will occur at the WMR Conference. Therefore, I suggest you register before we reach the conference capacity.

The AIA is here to serve its members, so I want to thank all of you who took the time to participate in the survey. Your voice has been heard. However, I would be remiss if I did not mention that the true way to affect change and growth is to be and active member and become involved in our fantastic organization. I hope to see you around!

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## 2011 CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 28 – **CANCELED**

Thursday, Aug. 18 – "Optimizing Sustainability with Operable All Glass Wall Systems" Hosted by Angela Williams of NanaWall. Registered for 1 LU HSW/SD

(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM 11th TO 18th)

Thursday, Aug. 25 – OPEN

Thursday, Sept. 8 – "2009 Southern Nevada Building and Fire Codes" Hosted by Allyn Vaughn of JBA Consulting Engineers. Registered for 1 LU/HSW **\*Please Note Date Change**

Thursday, Sept. 22 – OPEN

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Aon Fire Protection – Program TBD.

Thursday, Nov. 10 – OPEN

Thursday, Dec. 8 – OPEN

Please note: **There is no charge to attend our CE classes. But if you RSVP and then fail to show up, there is a no show fee of \$30.**

### INTERESTED IN SCHEDULING A CE PROGRAM IN 2011?

AIA Las Vegas continually seeks programs and educational opportunities to present to our membership so that they can achieve their required CE credits. As an AIA/CES "registered provider", AIA Las Vegas can partner with companies that are developing new technology, systems, products and services that impact the industry and whose research and development are of educational benefit to our members. If you would like more information on scheduling a CE Presentation through AIA Las Vegas, please contact Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org.

### HEADS UP – NEW A.R.E. CLASSES STARTING

Attention Associates and Interns – AIA Las Vegas will be providing a new series of A.R. E. Classes taught by **JEFF WAGNER, AIA, LEED AP, MCP, CDT**. Plans are to structure an intensive seven week series, with classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6:00 – 8:00PM each night. The classes will be offered free to AIA members and \$15 per class for non-members.

With a total cost of \$315 for the classes...it's less expensive to join the AIA as an Associate Member for \$200. Classes are expected to begin the week of July 11th and end the week of August 22nd. Time and location will be announced along with registration information.

If interested in attending please email [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org) Pass it on to all you know who might be interested in getting licensed.



## LV-EP YAF

The architecture community has been strongly affected in the last couple of years by the economic shift the world has experienced. Emerging Professional Architects have been hit particularly hard.

Under normal circumstances Emerging Professionals are often dealing with entry level salaries, re-payment of student loans, and costs associated with starting a family, while working long hours to accomplish professional growth and/or studying for professional registration. While this is a time when even well-established architects need to adjust or shift their trajectory, an Emerging Professionals career is much more subject to the shifting tides of those around him/her.

AIA National has identified the following topics that are important issues to Emerging Professionals:

- Starting a firm
- Moving up within an existing firm (Leadership/Early Career Development)
- Establishing one's own clients
- Career alternatives (both within and beyond a traditional practice)
- Balancing professional and personal life

These issues are not unimportant to architects as a whole. Generally, interns are more concerned with basic compensation and licensure issues, allowing them to put off later career decisions. On the other hand, established architects have mastered the issues listed above and may have already reached lasting conclusions about the direction of their careers, and are concentrating on direct practice, design and business concerns. In between these two groups are a majority of newly licensed architects who typically need to be better equipped to deal with the issues stated above. The AIA Las Vegas Emerging Professionals / Young Architects Forum (LV-EP YAF) has been organized for the purpose of addressing issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects and those aspiring to be licensed architects (Interns taking ARE exams or going through IDP.)

LV-EP YAF will be meeting on Saturday July 9th, 2:00 pm @ the Beat Coffee Shop. <http://www.emergencyartslv.com/> Please attend in order to learn more about what we have been doing and voice your opinion to help us to create a path moving forward.

### SUPPORT AIA ALLIED MEMBERS

If you really want to make the profession stronger, and receive the best products and services for your projects, then use the AIA Allied Members. Allied Members are committed to the architects and design professionals of Nevada and they show it by supporting the AIA through advertising, sponsorships and service on committees. A full listing of all Allied Members is available online at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) under Publications, Directory & Resource Guide. Refer to this list anytime you need a consultant, manufacturer, vendor, product or service. **SUPPORT OUR AIA ALLIED MEMBERS** and keep our Chapter strong.



**CALL FOR ENTRIES****AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION DESIGN AWARDS**

The AIA Western Mountain Region Design Awards program recognizes excellence in design, planning and construction of projects located anywhere in the world that are designed by AIA architects, registered and licensed in the Western Mountain Region. Entries from multi-office firms are limited to work designed in the office located in any one of the six states in the Western Mountain Region (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.) The intent of the design awards program is to honor the highest standards of design in response to user requirements, site, context, climate and environment. Each entry, regardless of size or classification, is judged individually on the basis of total design merit.

There are two categories in which projects may be entered.

- **Distinguished Building Awards** - Recognizes significant achievements in the planning, design and execution of recent BUILT projects.
- **Unbuilt Design Awards** - Recognizes achievements in architectural design for commissioned projects that may or may not be built.

To enter your projects visit the [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) or the [www.aiawmr.org](http://www.aiawmr.org) websites and download the Entry Form. Then simply follow the instructions.

**Eligibility:** Any work of architecture completed since January 1, 2007, regardless of location, may be entered with the stipulation that the architecture was directed and substantially executed by design professionals and/or firms that are members of the AIA Western Mountain Region. Only the "firm-of-record" or in its absence, the "architect-of-record" may submit entries for this competition. When the architect is not the sole author, all other participants substantially contributing to the design of the project must be given credit.

**Awards Timeline:**

May 1 – July 18, 2011 - Call for Entries  
 July 18, 2011 – Deadline for Entry Forms & Fees  
 July 28, 2011 – Submittals Due prior to 5PM  
 August 1, 2011 – Late Submittals Due prior to 5PM (\$100 additional fee)  
 August 15, 2011 – Results from the Jury  
 August 22, 2011 – Award Recipients Notified  
 October 8, 2011 – WMR Design & Honor Awards Presentation Program

**Entry Fee:** \$200 per entry

**Late Entry Fee:** You may purchase a late entry fee for an additional \$100.

Entry fees are non-refundable. No exceptions. Make checks/ payments payable to AIA Las Vegas.

**2011 WMR Design Awards Presentation:** Award recipients will be announced at the WMR Design Awards Gala to be held, as a part of the 2011 WMR Conference. The Awards Gala will be held at the ARIA Hotel at CityCenter, Las Vegas, Nevada on 6:00PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Registration for the Conference, and tickets for the Awards Gala can be purchased online at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org). Tickets for the Gala dinner and awards presentation are \$125 each until September 1st and \$150 each after September 1st. Tables of 8 can be purchased prior to September 1st for \$1,000 or after September 1st for \$1,250.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS****AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION HONOR AWARDS**

The AIA Western Mountain Region honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through the AIA WMR Honor Awards program. It is designed to recognize the significant contributions made to the profession of architecture by AIA members, firms and individuals within the six-state region.

The 2011 WMR Honor Awards will be a part of the Western Mountain Region Conference which is being hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter, October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. Award categories are as follows:

**Categories:**

- The WMR Silver Medal
- The WMR Architecture Firm Award
- The WMR Young Architect Award
- The Award of Distinction
- The 25 Year Award

**Awards Timeline:**

May 1 – July 18, 2011 - Call for Nominations  
 July 18, 2011 – Intent to Participate Forms & Fees Due (Denver, CO)  
 July 28, 2011 – Submittals Due prior to 5PM (PST)  
 August 15, 2011 – Results from the Jury  
 August 22, 2011 – Honor Award Recipients Notified  
 October 8, 2011 – WMR Design & Honor Awards Presentation Program

**Entry Fee:**

\$75 per submittal

Submittal fees are non-refundable. No exceptions. Make checks/payments payable to AIA Western Mountain Region, and mail along with Intent to Participate Forms to Sonia Riggs, Executive Director, AIA Colorado

Please visit the [AIAWMR.org](http://AIAWMR.org) website for complete information regarding making nominations for each of the awards and for submittal instructions for each individual category.

**AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE**

We have created a new way to keep our members and the public informed with the events planned for the 2011 AIA WMR

Conference. Please take a moment to visit our Facebook page and click to become a fan. Once you have added us to your site, you will receive posts regarding events, news and updates. We have also uploaded several event photos and plan on creating a "discussion board" which will allow you to add your comments regarding current events and issues that affect the design community.

If you do not currently have a Facebook page, why not take a few moments and sign up! It is fast, easy and a great way to communicate with co-workers, groups and even old high school friends...OK, maybe that is too much communicating for you. But you get to control who you reach out to and who gets to hear from you. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to sign up. You can put as much (or as little) info on your site as you wish.



## AIA 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference



### 2011 WMR CONFERENCE HOSTED BY AIA LAS VEGAS

AIA Las Vegas will host the 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference on October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. The theme of the conference is "CONNECTIONS: Physical Abstract Creative" and was created to explore the tangible and conceptual ways in which the states and components of the Western Mountain Region are associated. We are connected through the physical concerns for water, energy, transportation and through the abstract unions of culture, traditions and philosophy, as well as through the creative visions of resourceful and imaginative design. The Conference will be a celebration of all that unites us, and will open discussion on our shared potential, values, expectations and future.

**An Economical Conference** – In these difficult times, the 2011 WMR Conference Planning Committee is making every effort to ensure this conference is as affordable as possible, while providing valuable programs that fulfill continuing education requirements for AIA membership and for licensure in most states. We have arranged for a block of rooms at the Golden

Nugget Hotel rates from \$55 per night to \$129. Host Chapter Party and the Design Awards Gala costs will be kept to a minimum so that everyone can attend.

#### Registration

	Before Sept 1st	After Sept 1st
AIA Architect Members	\$200	\$300
AIA Emeritus Members	\$150	\$200
AIA Associate Members	\$150	\$200
AIA Allied and Affiliate Members	\$200	\$300
Non AIA Members	\$300	\$400
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Currently Enrolled Students	\$100	\$100

**A Sustainable Conference** – We have made a commitment to use "Green Steps" in all planning and implementation phases of the conference. Working to reduce and offset impact of travel, reducing and recycling resources and using local sources for food and services. We are making every effort to make this conference as healthy and green as possible.

#### Keynote Speakers - Thursday, Oct 6 & Friday, Oct 7

- **LAWRENCE SCARPA, FAIA** – Brooks + Scarpa - "Ordinary & Extraordinary"
- **DR. ROBERT E. LANG**, The Brookings Institute at UNLV - "Connecting to the Future"
- **JEFF POTTER, FAIA** – 2012 President, American Institute of Architects
- **DAVID ZACH** - Futurist - "Designs on the Future: Trends, Traditions & Choices"

#### Programs - Thursday, Oct 6 & Friday, Oct 7

- **MARK RODDY, AIA, LEED AP**
- "Urban Ideas for the Western Landscape"
- **JACOB SNOW**, Director, Regional Transportation Commission "Planes, Trains and Automobiles - The Interstate Connection"
- **CRAIG GALATI, AIA**, Principal Lucchesi Galati "Welcome to the New Economy – Rise of the Right Brain"
- **PAT MULROY**, General Manager, Las Vegas Valley Water Authority "Water.... Water.....Blueprint for Success: Interstate Cooperation Along the Colorado River"
- **LES WALLACH, FAIA** – Line & Space
- "Site Responsive Architecture"
- **BRIAN ZAMORA**, Senior Associate, Gehry Partners, LLC
- "Gehry's Ruvo Center and the Design Process"
- **RANDALL STOUT, FAIA** – Visiting Professor UNLV School of Architecture "Algorithms, Assimilation and Abstraction: Explorations of the Creative Process"
- **ED VANCE, AIA, BILL SNYDER, FAIA, TERRY BROWN, FAIA, HAL DEAN, AIA** - "Walking and Sketching at the Same Time"
- **CURT FENTRESS, FAIA** - Fentress Architects
- "Public Architecture: The Art Inside"
- **JIM RICHARD, AIA** - Richard + Bauer
- "Authentic Associations"

#### Special Events

- YAF/Fellows "Insert Coins" Reception - Thursday, Oct 6
- "Loose Connections" Host Chapter Party - Friday, Oct 7
- WMR Golf Tournament - Saturday, Oct 8
- WMR Design & Honor Awards - Aria at CityCenter - Saturday, Oct 8

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### Optional Programs/Tours - Saturday, Oct 8

Hoover Dam Bypass and Memorial Bridge Program & Tour

Creating City Center Program & Tour

**WILLIAM SMITH, AIA**, President of Development Management Services for MGM Hospitality, LLC

Symphony Park & The Smith Center Program & Tour

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**The 2011 WMR Conference in Las Vegas** explores our regional connections while including opportunities for you to discover some of the most interesting architectural sites in Las Vegas. **Registrants can earn up to 15 AIA C.E. LU's / HSW credits** by attending their choice of the regular conference sessions. **AND**, the sessions include visits to the **Gehry-designed Lou Ruvo Cleveland Clinic Brain Institute**, the **World Market Center**, the **Red Rock Canyon Visitors Center**, the **UNLV School of Architecture**, the **Las Vegas Springs Preserve**, the **Clark County Government Center** and the **Regional Transportation Center's Bonneville Station**.

You can also **earn up to 5 additional AIA C.E. LU's** by attending one of the three program/tours on Saturday. You may purchase an optional program tour from one of the following -- **CityCenter** featuring structures by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects; Helmut Jahn; RV Architecture, LLC and Rafael Vinoly, Kohn Pedersen Fox and Studio Daniel Libeskind --- or **Symphony Park** and the new **Smith Performing Arts Center** designed by David M Schwartz Architects, -- or the new **Mike O'Callaghan - Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge**, also known as the Hoover Dam Bypass, the second highest bridge in the United States.

**Watch for additional information regarding the Pre-Conference "Disaster Assistance Workshop" on Wednesday, October 5th.**

### Hotel Information

Golden Nugget Hotel (Located walking distance from the site of the WMR Conference)

800-634-3454

Block Name: AIA Las Vegas Western Mountain Region Conference

Rates: Rush Tower \$85/\$129 or Carson Tower \$55/\$99

### Register Online Today

Conference registration is now available at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org).

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### THE WMR CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 8th

Golfers from all over the WMR Region will be making connections as they compete for the coveted WMR Trophy. The tournament will be held at the Las Vegas National Golf Club which boasts a rich history of Tournament Play. As former host to both PGA and LPGA events,

The National is where Tiger Woods won his first professional event. Here you'll find a fun, fair, and challenging course. Rolling fairways, mature trees and strategically placed lakes and bunkers make your outing one to remember.

Golf fee for the tournament is \$600 for a team of four or \$150 per player. Includes breakfast, full day of golf, goodie bag filled with surprises, drink tickets, door prize tickets and a fabulous Awards Lunch immediately following the tournament.

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**JULY**

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AIANN Executive Board Meeting

21  
BRDI Program  
Andrea Cochran, Landscape Architect  
Nevada Museum of Art

**AUG**

22  
21st Annual Dennis Askew Memorial  
Golf Tournament  
Montreux Golf and Country Club

## AIA LAS VEGAS EVENTS

**JULY**

18  
NV Service Entry Forms Due  
WMR Design Entry Form Due  
WMR Honor Entry Forms Due

21  
Architects Speak – David Schmidt, AIA  
AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

26  
AIA LV Board Meeting

27  
AIA LV Allied Member Meeting

28  
WMR Submittals Due

**AUG**

8  
AIA NV Design Awards Entry Forms Due

9  
AIA LV Board Meeting

10  
WMR Jury Results

18  
AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

22  
AIA NV Design & Service Submittals Due

25  
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